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SIMPLE ONLINE TOOL HELPS YOU ADJUST WATERING TO THE WEATHER



Adjust your sprinklers to save water and money.

During the winter months, our landscapes don't need as much water due to rain, cooler temperatures, shorter days, and plant dormancy. To save water and money, adjust your sprinkler timer to seasonal fluctuations by using the Watering Index, a simple tool that can be found on the City's website.

The Watering Index is a percentage value of how much water plants need depending on changes in the weather. It tells you how much to water, based on your peak summer watering. For example, in the hottest summer weather, the Watering Index is at 100%, but throughout the year this value drops, and in the winter it will go to about 30% or below.

The Watering Index value can be found on www.SaveWaterSB.org, and it is updated weekly. With this percentage value, you are able to adjust your sprinkler controller with one simple step. Turn the dial on your controller to the "seasonal adjust" or "water budget" setting and press the up or down arrows to adjust the percentage to match the current Watering Index. This will automatically shorten the run times of your sprinklers so that they are not over watering your garden. Some people choose to adjust their sprinkler controller weekly, monthly, or seasonally. Also, a sticker is available from the City to place on your sprinkler timer which has a QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to easily access the Watering Index.



Scan this Quick Response (QR) code with your smartphone to access the Watering Index

The City provides free irrigation evaluations to homes or businesses to help you set up and adjust your sprinkler controller. If you would like to set up an appointment, call 564-5460.

NEXT STEPS FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The City Council voted to designate the City of Santa Barbara as the successor to the Redevelopment Agency. The City will assume the former agency's capacities and responsibilities of managing assets and addressing obligations. In the coming months, an oversight board, composed of seven representatives from the City, County, school districts, community colleges, and the largest special district taxing entity, will assemble to direct the further management of assets and obligations. The loss of redevelopment funds is a significant blow to the City. The City will lose approximately \$4 million for the production and preservation of affordable housing activities and roughly \$8 million for capital projects. Staff continues to monitor the California Legislature's challenging efforts to pass new legislation that would revive redevelopment agencies in some form.

CASH FOR MAKING YOUR GARDEN MORE WATER WISE!

Rebates available on 50% of the cost of pre-approved water-wise plants, irrigation equipment, smart irrigation controllers, laundry to landscape graywater systems, and mulch.

Up to \$1,000 for single family homes
and up to \$4,000 for businesses and HOAs!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
visit www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water
or call 564-5460



NEW Nonstop Service to Portland

Alaska Airlines will begin new nonstop seasonal service from the Santa Barbara Airport to Portland (PDX), beginning June 4 and continuing through August 25. The daily two-hour flight will depart at 11:50 a.m. from Santa Barbara and fly nonstop to Portland using a 70-passenger Bombardier CRJ-700 regional jet. "We are thrilled to have new nonstop service to Portland. We hope that the community will support the service and demonstrate to Alaska Airlines that Santa Barbara-Portland is a viable market," said Karen Ramsdell, Santa Barbara Airport Director.

Get Ready for Spring Break March 26-30!

Need a fun activity for your kids during spring break? The City has lots of variety to offer kids ages 4 to 17. For complete information and registration, go to www.sbparksandrecreation.com and click on eRecreation, or call 564-5418.

- Full-day Great Escape** (grades 1-6) Code #16222
- Half-day SK8 Skool** (7-11) Code #16223
- Half-day Little Shredders SK8 Skool** (4-6) Code #16224
- Half-day Beach Volleyball** (9-17) Code #15840
- Half-day Young @ Art** (6-11) Code #16225
- Full and Half-day Gymnastics** (4-12) Codes #16220; #16221

Mark your calendars:

The Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer Activity Guide will be available online starting March 20. Get a jump on summer and find out about all our summer camps and sports clinics and register early!



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

General Information – City Hall	963-0611
Abandoned Vehicles on Public Property	897-2413
ABOP (Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil, & Paint)	
Information Hotline.....	963-1852
Airport Noise Complaint Hotline	967-1900
Animal Control	963-1513
Code Enforcement-Building & Safety	564-5485
Code Enforcement-Trash	564-5686
Creeks – Dumping/Water Quality	897-2688
Fire Department (24 hr)	965-5254
Graffiti	897-2513
Hazardous Waste	564-5596
Junk on Sidewalk	564-5413
Leaf Blower Complaints (PD Dispatch)	897-2410
Noise Abatement (PD Dispatch)	897-2410
Park Ranger	897-1941
Police Department:	
24 hr Non-Emergency	897-2300
24 hr Dispatch.....	897-2410
Pothole & Sidewalk Hotline	897-2630
RADON Information	(800) 745-7236
Sewer Problems (Water/Streets)	564-5413
Shopping Cart Hotline	(800) 252-4613
Street Lights (24 hr recording)	564-5416
Street Signs	560-7569
Street Sweeping	897-1903
Storm Drain Maint. Hotline	564-5458
Traffic Signals (Public Works)	564-5417
Trash Complaints	564-5669
Tree Problems	564-5433
Vector Control (Rodents, mosquitoes)	564-5596
Water Problems:	
Broken mains, wasting water	564-5413
Conservation (audit requests).....	564-5460
Zoning Enforcement	897-2676
So. CA Edison (24-hr Dispatch)	(800) 655-4555

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